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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 569

KINSHASA FOR DAB

3.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, MASS, GB

SUBJECT: ARMORED CARS

REF A. LIBREVILLE 0515 B. LIBREVILLE 464

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BONGO FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AT NOON TODAY, BONGO TOLD ME THAT HE VERY MUCH WANTED REMAINING FIVE CADILLAC-GAGE ARMORED CARS TO BE IN LIBREVILLE FOR CEREMONIES MARKING RENOVATION DAY, MARCH 12, AND ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS SOME WAY WE COULD BE HELPFUL IN GETTING THEM HERE. SAID (AND REPEATED) THAT HE WAS WILLING PICK UP ANY TAB. HE WAS NOT ABLE MAKE USE OF ANY OF HIS OWN L-100S BECAUSE OF COMMITMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH CELEBRATIONS AND PRESUMABLY BECAUSE HE WANTS THEM AVAILABLE SHOULD THEY STILL BE NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH SEARCH FOR MISSING HELICOPTER.

2. WE WERE NONCOMMITTAL (DCM YATES WAS ALSO PRESENT),  
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BUT TOLD HIM WE WOULD RELAY HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.  
WE DID NOT SHORTNESS OF TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SOLONG AS BONGO IS WILLING TO PAY, TRANSPORT OF ARMORED CARS IN US AIRCRAFT (EITHER C-130 OR C-141) WOULD BE BERY MUCH IN OUR INTEREST HERE, AND INCIDENTALLY BE MOST

HELPFUL IN GETTING NEW AMBASSADOR OFF TO GOOD START.  
I WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AND DOD  
VIEWS SOONEST RE A) POSSIBILITY OF ACCEDING TO HIS  
WISH, B) TIMING (MUST BE BEFORE MARCH 12, AND  
IDEALLY I WOULD HOPE AIRCRAFT COULD BE GONE BY THAT  
DATE ALTHOUGH THIS DID NOT SEEM TO CONCERN BONGO)  
AND C) ESTIMATED COST. TIENKEN

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